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Dear Nancy,

Please find enclosed my check for $2.50 to cover postage and copying costs. I appreciate your prompt response.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Gosline

Mary Ewing Gosline

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Ms. Nancy Sherrill
Vigo County Public Library
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Terre Haute, IN 47807

Dear Ms. Sherrill,

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Thank you for responding to my e-mail message. I am enclosing a family group sheet for Thomas Art. I think the four-page letter from William W. Art is probably about him and I would like a copy of that. I would also like the address of William W. Art, if it is not on the letter so that I might write to him. I don't know enough about the descendents of Thomas Art for the Civil war letters, but the four pages on the descendants of Jacob Art, Sr. in *Some Descendants of George Smith Sr. Who Came to Sugar Creek Township of Vigo County, Indiana in 1825* would be interesting. 2 duplex

I am interested in knowing if you have a map showing where the Sugar Creek community was in relation to Paris, Illinois, and Fort Harrison.

p84 1 single

Is it possible for you to check an index for the New Hope Cemetery? I believe it is on page 70 of Volume IV of *Cemeteries, Vigo County, Indiand* by Virginia Wilhoite and Nelson Eddy. I'm looking for Thomas Art and Eleven or Levin Tucker.

not there

I look forward to hearing from you. Enclosed is a self-addressed stamped envelope for your convenience.

Sincerely,

Mary E Gosline

Mary Ewing Gosline
r.gosline@worldnet.att.net

vol 4 p 70-77 - No Arts; Alex M., Joel, + Mary wife of Joel Tucker

p 84 Pisgah Cemetery - James M. Art, - Martha, dau of WE + M; Mary, wife of Thomas; Robert E., son of WE + M.; Thomas; William E.

FAMILY GROUP SHEET

Husband's Code .....
Wife's Code .....

HUSBAND'S NAME Thomas ART

Date of Birth 1780-1790 (3) Place

Date of Death Place

Present Address (or) Place of Burial

His Father His Mother's Maiden Name

Date of Marriage of HUSBAND and WIFE on this sheet Place

Check here if there was another marriage: By husband ☐ By Wife ☐ Was this couple divorced? Yes ☐ No ☐ When?

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME Mary (4) Molly McELROY (5) (Use separate sheet for each marriage)

Date of Birth Place

Date of Death Place

Present Address (or) Place of Burial

Her Father Her Mother's Maiden Name

Items of interest about the above couple (occupations, hobbies, achievements; social, civil, and political activities; physical descriptions—include photos if possible; military service; cause of death):

Land: 6/6/1832, 80a, W½NE, sec 10, T12N, R 10W, 2nd PM, Vigo Co, IN (2)
3/15/1837, 40a, NESE, sec 10, T12N, R 10W, 2nd PM, Vigo Co, IN
3/20/1837, 40a, NENW, sec 10, T12N, R 10W, 2nd PM, Vigo Co, IN

Use reverse side for additional information

Have family sheet		CHILDREN (Arrange in order of birth)	Code	Birth Information	Death Information	Marriage Information
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Check here if there are additional children ☐

Footnoting. To substantiate the information recorded on this page, please use the footnotes listed below. One of these numbers should be placed in the circle provided next to each answer on the questionnaire. If you got the information from a source not listed, place that source on a vacant line and use the number next to which it has been placed as your footnote number.

Use (1) only if you have filled in the blank from personal knowledge (such as the name of your brother). If you must look up his marriage date, give as the source wherever you looked it up. If you asked him, give his name as the source.

(1) **Name and address of person filling in this sheet.** Date 9 Sept 2002

Mary Ewing GOSLINE, Columbia MD 21044

(2) www.glorecords.blm.gov 25 July 2002

(3) Thomas ART household, Vigo Co IN, 1830 US Census, roll 30 p96, l17 in 40-50 age group

(4) History of Presbyterian Church in IL by Norton p 143 - Founders of New Providence Church

(5) Letter f/ Rev. John Crozier, 1869, in Edgar Co Genealogy Lib to Nancy Shotstall.

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From: Nancy Sherrill
To: r.gosline@worldnet.att.net
Date: 9/19/02 11:46AM
Subject: Copies

Hello,

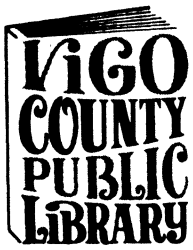
We have made the copies you requested in your letter of Sept. 5. Please send the library $2.50 for the copies and extra postage.

I found Thomas and Mary Art buried in Pisgah Cemetery rather than New Hope but did not find Levin Tucker.

Sugar Creek Township is west of Terre Haute, between the Wabash River and the Indiana/ Illinois state line. The town of West Terre Haute is in Sugar Creek Township, and it is about 20 from West Terre Haute to Paris IL.

Nancy Sherrill

Art Family



Wm. W. Art
1019 N. Madison
Eldorado AR 71730

November 6, 1990

The county clerk forwarded your letter of Oct. 29 to the library.

I am enclosing a research report listing the sources I checked for your ancestors. I did find several references to your Thomas Art, including the cemetery in which he is buried. Unfortunately, the cemetery books only give the year of death - 1860. Since Thomas died before the census, he might have been listed on the 1860 mortality schedule - the list of those who died during the year preceeding the census. The mortality schedules were arranged by county and township like the censuses. The 1860 Indiana mortality schedule has not been published, but the original is in the State Library.

We have only one newspaper for 1860, the Wabash Express, Jan. 1860 - Sep. 12, 1860. There are many missing dates from our newspapers during the 1860s.

If you would like copies of items on the research report, our charge is 10¢ per page, plus postage.

Nancy Sherrill

Nancy Sherrill
Genealogy Librarian

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VIGO CO. LIBRARY RESEARCH REPORT

The item(s) circled below indicate the record(s) searched for the surnames of: Art; Thomas (d. 1850 - 1860)

in response to your request of 10-29-90.

(1.) Miscellaneous Card File:
Did not find ✓ Found _____

✓(2.) Surname File:
Did not find _____ Found Art Family File contains one newspaper article on Civil War letters of Wm. E. Art + his sons Wm. T. Art + James McIlroy Art

✓(3.) Vigo County, Indiana, Index of Names of Persons and of Firms (in the county histories) ✓
Did not find _____ Found Art, Thomas - Markle vol 1 p 58 + Art, W.E. - Atlas p 89 ✓

✓(4.) Vigo County, Indiana, Marriage Licenses from 1818 to 1850: ✓
Did not find _____ Found Art, William S B + Mary Ann Smith, 11 March 1840 or 1841 - by J.C. Campbell BKB p 8

✓(5.) W.P.A. Index to Marriage Record, Vigo County, 1840-1920:
Did not find _____ Found Art, Lucy A. + Harry Eugene 13 Aug 1885; Art, M. J. + Jefferson Barnes 11 Sept 1851; Art, Nancy + Washington Kuykendall 26 Nov. 1840 (Cover) BK 10 p 84 ✓ BKB p 223 ✓ BKB p 5

6. W.P.A. Index to Death Record, Vigo County, 1882-1920:
Did not find _____ Found _____

✓(7.) Cemetery Records of Vigo County, Including All Born Prior to 1830 That Lived to Maturity:
Did not find _____ Found Art, James M. d. 4 Sept 1846 age 27 y 4 m 17 d; Art, Thomas - b. 1778 d. 1860 + Mary d. 9 Aug 1847 age 70 y 1 m 17 d.; Art, William E. (Cover)

✓(8.) Cemeteries, Vigo County, Indiana (4 vols.):
Did not find _____ Found vol 4 p 84 Pisgah Cemetery, Sugar Creek Township, west of West Terre Haute (Cover)

(9.) Woodlawn Cemetery, Terre Haute, Vigo County IN, Index of Burials Vol. 1 1839-1899 vol. 2 1900-March 1983:
Did not find ✓ Found _____

10. Census Index for the year _____:
Did not find _____ Found _____

Other: (also check other side)

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#5. Art, William B + Mary A.S.E. Smith 11 March 1841

#7. Art, William E. 24 years a Methodist Minister
d. 27 July 1875 age 54y 2m 12d.
All are in Pisgah Cemetery.

#8. Art
James M. 27y 4m 12d – 24 Sept. 1846
Martha, dau. of WE+M – 8y 4m 28d – 15 Dec. 1876
Mary, wife of Thomas – 70y 1m 17d – 4 April 1847
Robert E., son of WE+M – 4y – 4 March 1877
Thomas 1778 – 1860
William E. – 54y 2m 12d. 27 July 1875

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1019 N. Madison
El Dorado, Ark 71730
October 29, 1990

Vigo County Clerk
Terre Haute, Ind.

Gentlemen:

I have been researching the ART(T) family name for the past two years and am interested in securing a newspaper obituary on THOMAS ART(T) who lived in Sugar Creek Twp.

Thomas settled in Sugar Creek Twp. around the middle 1820's and the 1830 U.S. Census as well as the 1840 and 1850 U.S. Census lists him as head of household. His occupation was farmer. The 1850 U.S. Census shows his age to be 69 years and living with him at the time was a daughter Mary J. Means & a grand daughter Mary Means.

Thomas does not appear in the 1860 U.S. Census, so we think he passed away sometime after the 1850 census was taken.

Would there be any records in Vigo County that might help to establish date of his death, such as cemetery or church records? I will probably need name or names of the area newspapers during 1850-1860 period to search, that is if we can come up with date of death.

I realize that you probably do not maintain records of this sort, at least this far back, however I would appreciate you placing this letter in the hands of your Vigo County Library or any other facility that might be able to help.

Enclosed is self-addressed envelope for your reply. Thanking you in advance for your assistance I am.

Very Truly Yours,
Wm. W. Artt

P.S. I realize the Indiana State Library Indianapolis has a newspaper file, however I need to establish a date of death in order to inquire of them.

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LOCAL HISTORY

ART FAMILY

Civil War 3/28/71

Civil War Letters Tell Of Life of Foot Soldier

Trib. Star

By DOROTHY J. CLARK

Letters, diaries and other family records are important and interesting bits of history as well as being cherished family keepsakes. Just such a collection was loaned to me by Joe Art, 1311 South 11th St.

From them I learned that his great-grandfather, Wm. E. Art, fought in the Union Army as did two of the sons, Wm. T. Art (Billy) and James McIlroy Art. A younger son John was the grandfather of young Joe Art.

Wm. E. Art was born in Flemming, Kentucky, in 1824, and at the time of his enlistment in 1862 was 41 years of age. He served in Company C of the 85th Regiment Indiana Infantry for three years.

His son James served with Company G of the 43rd Indiana, died of chronic diarrhea on June 1, 1863 in Helena, Arkansas and was buried there.

Letters from young Billy Art to his parents dated 1864 were mailed from army locations in Cleveland and Nashville, Tenn. They reported him well and hearty and sending money home. His company and regiment were not included.

In October, 1862, Corp. Wm. E. Art was stationed in a camp near Lexington, Ky. In a letter to his wife, Mary A., he told of a mishap after leaving Falmouth. "I was directed by Lieut. Harbert to go with a wagon as a more easy position than marching in the ranks and going up along a rocky hill I was chalking up the wheel and my fore finger on my right hand was caught under the wheel and badly mashed . . . The day we started from Falmouth we had dust almost to suffocation.

DOROTHY J. CLARK

The second day was cloudy with an occasional drizzle of rain until in the night when snow fell to the depth of 4 or 5 inches . . . Paris is a very pretty town in a pretty country and Kensington is an ugly dirty town in a beautiful country. We don't know where we will go next. There is no enemy in Kentucky and if we go to hunt one we will have to go out of this state. . . ."

In August, 1863, Corporal Art wrote to his wife from Murfreesboro, Tenn. ". . . We are still at this place sweating and freezing . . . there was an inspection yesterday to see which brigade should be sent to the front, and report says we are to stay here. They are going to send the largest brigade in the division and we are about the smallest . . ."

Traded Brass Medals

In describing the inhabitants of that section of Tennessee, Corporal Art stated that they were the "most ignorant set I ever saw. There is not more than half of them can tell a 25 cent scrip from a 5 cent one both being one color and a ten from a fifty. Some of the boys drive quite a trade in this way and they pass brass medals of the size of five dollars for gold and broken bank money."

According to the family, veteran Wm. E. Art owned land northwest of Terre Haute which he traded for land on the Old Paris Road on the county line, land originally belonging to the Rippetoe family. Wm. Art is buried in Pisgah Cemetery near the Green Valley Mine. He was a preacher then and helped establish that church. He belonged to the Illinois church group, however, instead of the

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Civil War

Dorothy Clark

3/28/71

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Indiana group.

In one of Rev. Art's letters home to his wife he tells her that "this war will have to end before long if they keep on as they have been for the last two months. One side or the other will have to succumb. If they (the Rebs) are losing men like we are they must have a great many more than they were supposed to have or the last dog of them would be dead, wounded or sick. Men from the front yesterday say Sherman had drawn them out of their strong position on the Chattahoochie river . . . I still try to hope for the best but God only knows. Our sins as a nation before him must have been dark indeed for the punishment has been awful and what is to come yet no mortal can tell. What rivers of blood have been poured out and still it flows like water. To me it talks of mangled limbs and dying groans and widow's tears and orphan's moans. Well, I will close. Children I want you to be good and kind to your Mother. (signed) Your husband, Wm. E. Art.

The Chaplain of the 43rd Regiment sent explicit instructions how to find the grave of James M. Art. The 43rd buried their dead in the rear of what was known as the General Hindman house on a hill in Helena, Arkansas. They were told to go up the hill on the road that runs between this house and the Catholic nunnery and the first graveyard on the points to the left of the road was the spot. A board was placed at the head of the grave with the name and company on it. A large stake was driven in the corner of the grave at the head and a bottle with his army record inside was buried at his feet in the corner of the grave. His "trinkets" were boxed up and sent home by express, and his journey from a farm in Vigo County, Indiana to a hill in Arkansas was done.

Civil War

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